

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. – 17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) A method for supplying individual quantities of flat part products of different types comprising at least partly different rectangular formats, to a serial further processing, the method comprising the steps of:

producing a row of part product groups, each group comprising one of said quantities of part products, by superimposing a plurality of supply streams (1.1, 1.2, 1.3) comprising the part products of one type (A, B, C) each, wherein the supply streams to be superimposed are of identical speed and identical supply capacity, wherein the part products of the supply streams overlap one another, and wherein the supply streams are superimposed in such a manner that within each part product group produced, one edge of each part product is aligned with an edge of the remaining part products and the aligned edges face a common side of the row,

winding the row in a first direction (D) onto a roll core to form a roll,

restoring the row by unwinding it from the roll in a second direction (E), opposite to the first direction (D), the step of restoring being independent of time and place of the steps of producing and winding the row,

successively separating from the front end of the restored row (2) part product groups (7) by gripping each part product group from said common side of the row in the range (10) of said aligned edges and removing it from the head end of the row in a third direction (F) substantially perpendicular to the second direction (E), and supplying the gripped and removed part product groups immediately to the further processing.

19. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 18, wherein the further processing is a supplementation of printed products (8), wherein the printed products (8) are conveyed in a serial stream (9), and one part product group (7) is added to each printed product (8) in the course of said conveyance.

20. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 18, wherein the one aligned edge of the part product within each part product group is parallel to the longitudinal direction of the row.

21. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 18, wherein within each part product group produced, two adjacent edges of each part product, neither adjacent edge being parallel to the longitudinal direction of the row, are each aligned with two adjacent edges of the remaining part products and the aligned edges face a common side of the row.

22. (Currently Amended) An installation for the serial supply of individual quantities of flat part products of different types comprising at least partly different rectangular formats, to a serial further processing, the installation comprising:

a means for superimposing a plurality of supply streams of one type of part products each to form a row of part product groups (7), each group comprising one of said quantities of part products, and the part products in each group being arranged such that one edge facing to one side of the row are aligned to each other,

a winding station for winding the row onto a roll core to form a roll,

a further winding station for restoring the row (2) by unwinding the roll,

and a means for separating part product groups (7) from the front end of the restored row (2) and for immediately supplying each separated group to the further processing, wherein the means for separating comprises a plurality of grippers arranged for gripping each part product group from said one side of the restored row in the region of said aligned edges and for removing the groups from the head end of the row in a direction substantially perpendicular to the direction of the restored row.

23. (Previously Presented) The installation of claim 22, wherein said one aligned edge of each part product is parallel to the longitudinal direction of the row.

24. (Previously Presented) The installation of claim 22, wherein within each part product group, two adjacent edges of each part product, neither adjacent edge being parallel to the longitudinal direction of the row, are each aligned with two adjacent

edges of the remaining part products and the aligned edges face a common side of the row.